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SUBJECT: ILLICIT PAYMENTS: BILATERAL COOPERATION

REF: A) STATE 053509, B) STATE 023617

1. DURING A MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT THURSDAY, MARCH 9, I PROPOSED BILATERAL COOPERATION WITH MEXICO ON ILLICIT PAYMENTS AS SUGGESTED REFTEL. I NOTED THERE HAD BEEN LITTLE SUCCESS SO FAR IN MULTILATERAL EFFORTS IN THIS AREA AND THAT THE U.S. WANTED TO SET UP SOME BILATERAL ARRANGEMENTS. ONE OF THE REASONS WE WERE APPROACHING MEXICO ON THIS TOPIC WAS THE PRESIDENT'S KNOWN ANTI-CORRUPTION POSITION.

2. THE PRESIDENT RESPONDED WITH ENTHUSIASM, SAYING IT WAS A GREAT IDEA, AND ADDING THAT HE HAD BEEN CONSIDERING MAKING A SIMILAR PROPOSAL TO US. HE AGREED TO SPEAK TO SECRETARY ROEL ON THE MATTER WITH A VIEW TO SETTING UP A WORKING GROUP ON THIS TOPIC WITHIN THE BILATERAL CONSULTATIVE MECHANISM AND THAT BOTH SIDES SHOULD NAME THE PARTICIPANTS.

3. I SPOKE TO ROEL MARCH 10, AND FOUND THAT THE  
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PRESIDENT ALREADY HAD ACQUAINTED HIM WITH OUR CONVERSATION.

4. I SUGGEST WE MOVE RAPIDLY TO FOLLOW UP. I WOULD LIKE TO TELL ROEL PROMPTLY WHO WILL REPRESENT THE UNITED STATES ON THE WORKING GROUP. LUCEY

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